

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn) Method for mounting a massaging micro jet in a slanted wall of a whirlpool bath, in a recessed position relative to said slanted wall, which comprises
 - a) providing a massaging micro jet,
 - b) providing a massaging micro jet holding cup, said holding cup formed with means for mounting same on said slanted wall and a cavity having a recessed bottom partition, said cup having means to fix said micro jet through said recessed bottom,
 - c) performing an opening in said slanted wall,
 - d) inserting said holding cup through said opening and fixing same substantially flush with said opening by means of said mounting means,
 - e) introducing said micro jet into said cup and fixing same in said recessed bottom partition by means of said fixing means, and
 - f) connecting said micro jet to a pressurized fluid supply.
2. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein said massaging micro jet comprises a cylindrical member having a port extending therethrough and a fixing flange provided at a free end thereof.
3. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 2, wherein said holding cup comprises a mounting flange provided at free end thereof and a bottom partition having an aperture therein shaped to receive said micro jet, said method comprising resting said fixing flange against an inner surface of said bottom partition and allowing said cylindrical member to extend through said aperture.
4. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 3, wherein said holding cup comprises a first cylindrical portion, and a second cylindrical portion communicating with said first cylindrical portion and angularly disposed with respect to the axis of

said first cylindrical portion, wherein said first cylindrical portion comprises said mounting flange provided at a free end thereof and said second cylindrical portion comprises said bottom partition having said aperture.

5. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 4, wherein said first and second cylindrical portions are disposed angularly.
6. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 5 wherein a part of said cylindrical portion close to said mounting flange has a second thread formed along an outer surface thereof.
7. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 6, which comprises fixing said holding cup into said opening by resting said mounting flange against the inner surface of said slanted wall, disposing a first seal ring around said cylindrical portion against the outer surface of said slanted wall, and screwing a flange nut over said second thread tight against said first seal ring.
8. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 7, wherein said cylindrical member has a first thread extending along its outer surface.
9. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 8, which comprises fixing said micro jet into said holding cup by inserting said cylindrical member through said aperture until said fixing flange rests against the inner surface of said bottom partition, disposing a second seal ring around said cylindrical member against the outer surface of said bottom partition, and screwing a connector over said first thread against said second seal ring.
10. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 5, wherein said cylindrical member has a first thread extending along its outer surface.
11. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 10, which comprises fixing said micro jet into said holding cup by inserting said cylindrical member through said aperture until said fixing flange rests against inner surface of said bottom partition, disposing a second seal ring around said cylindrical member against the outer surface of said bottom partition, and screwing a connector over said first thread against said second seal ring.

12. (currently amended) A kit for mounting a massaging micro jet in a slanted wall of a whirlpool bath, in a recessed position relative to said slanted wall, which comprises
- a) a massaging micro jet,
 - b) a massaging micro jet holding cup, said holding cup formed with means for mounting same on said slanted wall and a cavity having a recessed bottom partition, said holding cup having means to fix said micro jet through said recessed bottom partition,
 - c) means for fixing said holding cup substantially flush with said opening by means of said mounting means, and
 - d) means for connecting said micro jet to a pressurized fluid supply.
13. (original) The kit according to claim 12, wherein said massaging micro jet comprises a cylindrical member having a port extending therethrough and a fixing flange provided at a free end thereof.
14. (original) The kit according to claim 13, wherein said holding cup comprises a mounting flange provided at free end thereof and a bottom partition having an aperture therein shaped to receive said micro jet by having said fixing flange resting against an inner surface of said bottom partition and said cylindrical member extending through said aperture.
15. (original) The kit according to claim 14, wherein said holding cup comprises a first cylindrical portion, and a second cylindrical portion communicating with said first cylindrical portion and angularly disposed with respect to the axis of said first cylindrical portion, wherein said first cylindrical portion comprises said mounting flange provided at a free end thereof and said second cylindrical portion comprises said bottom partition having said aperture.
16. (original) The kit according to claim 15, wherein said first and second cylindrical portions are disposed angularly in such way that the direction of said fluid exhausting from said micro jet port is substantially horizontal.

17. (original) The kit according to claim 16, wherein a part of said cylindrical portion close to said mounting flange has a second thread formed along an outer surface thereof.
18. (original) The kit according to claim 17, which comprises a first seal ring to be disposed around said cylindrical portion flat against the outer surface of said slanted wall, and a flange nut screwable over said second thread tight against said first seal ring.
19. (original) The kit according to claim 18, wherein said cylindrical member has a first thread extending along its outer surface.
20. (currently amended) The kit according to claim 19, which comprises a second seal ring to be disposed around said cylindrical member against the outer surface of said bottom (partition?), and said connecting means comprises a pressurized fluid connector screwable over said first thread against said second seal ring.
21. (original) The kit according to claim 16, wherein said cylindrical member has a first thread extending along its outer surface.
22. (currently amended) The kit according to claim 21, which comprises a second seal ring to be disposed around said cylindrical member against the outer surface of said bottom (partition?), and said connecting means comprises a pressurized fluid connector screwable over said first thread against said second seal ring.
23. (original) A recessed massaging micro jet for slanted wall of a whirlpool bath, which comprises a cup portion having a mounting flange provided at free end thereof and formed with a cavity and a recessed bottom partition, and a cylindrical member dependent from said recessed bottom partition and extending past an outer surface of said recessed bottom partition, said cylindrical member having a port extending therethrough, said port terminating into an aperture on an inner surface of said recessed bottom partition.
24. (original) A recessed massaging micro jet according to claim 23, wherein said cup comprises a first cylindrical portion, and a second cylindrical portion communicating with said first cylindrical portion and angularly disposed with respect to the axis of said first cylindrical portion, wherein said first cylindrical

portion comprises said mounting flange provided at a free end thereof and said second cylindrical portion comprises said recessed bottom partition where said port aperture is formed.

25. (original) A recessed massaging micro jet according to claim 24, wherein said first and second cylindrical portions are disposed angularly in such way that the direction of said fluid exhausting from said port aperture is substantially horizontal.
26. (original) A recessed massaging micro jet according to claim 25, wherein a part of said cylindrical portion close to said mounting flange has a second thread formed along an outer surface thereof.
27. (original) A recessed massaging micro jet according to claim 26, wherein said cylindrical member close to said mounting flange has a first thread extending along an outer surface thereof.
28. (withdrawn) Method for mounting a recessed massaging micro jet, comprising:
 - a) providing a recessed massaging micro jet according to claim 23,
 - b) performing an opening in said slanted wall,
 - c) inserting said recessed micro jet through said opening and fixing same substantially flush with said opening, and
 - d) connecting said micro jet to a pressurized fluid supply.
29. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 28, which comprises disposing a first seal ring around said cylindrical portion against the outer surface of said slanted wall, and screwing a flange nut over said second thread tight against said first seal ring.
30. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 29, which comprises disposing a second seal ring around said cylindrical member, and screwing a connector over said first thread until said second seal ring abuts outer surface of said bottom partition.
31. (new) A massaging microjet assembly in combination with a whirlpool bath having a shell with an inner surface and an opening therein, the massaging

microjet assembly comprising: a holding cup having a free end and a bottom partition recessed from the free end, the holding cup being insertable into the opening in the shell, the holding cup protruding outwardly from the opening when inserted therein and the free end being securable to the shell, and a microjet mounted to the bottom partition and being operatively connectable to a pressurized fluid supply, the microjet having an outlet aperture therein allowing the pressurized fluid to exit therethrough, the outlet aperture being substantially horizontal to the shell when the holding cup and the microjet are mounted to the shell.

32. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 31, wherein the holding cup comprises a first portion and a second portion in fluid communication with the first portion and being angularly disposed relatively to the first portion, and wherein the opening is defined in a slanted wall portion of the shell.
33. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 32, wherein the angle between the first portion and the second portion is substantially equal to the angle of the slanted wall portion with a horizontal orientation.
34. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 33, wherein the free end of the holding cup defines a plan forming an angle with the bottom partition of the holding cup.
35. (new) A combination as claimed in claim 34, wherein the microjet comprises a connection member protruding outwardly from the bottom partition of the holding cup, the connection member having a port therethrough in fluid communication with the outlet aperture and being operatively connectable to the pressurized fluid supply.